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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest Room: 8-B201 Washington, D.C. 20554

## Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I would like to express my support for the Michigan Public Health Institute's (MPHI) petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to waive an administrative requirement so that MPHI can provide high-speed fiber optics telecommunications service to eighty-seven health care sites in the state of Michigan.

As you may know, MPHI is a participant in the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot program. MPHI had acquired funding to create a secure, high speed, fiber optic telecommunications network linking health care facilities in Michigan's rural upper and lower peninsulas. These facilities will use the network to transmit medical records and images, order and receive lab results, conduct teleconferences, and engage in other necessary activities.

However, because of the FCC's five-year deadline for all invoicing activities, MPHI fears that they will lose half of their sites, making the project unviable. MPHI has petitioned the FCC for an additional fifteen month period to complete its invoicing activities. The requested allotment of time will allow MPHI to complete its coordinated efforts in providing a cost effective, reliable program for the health care community.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

March 29, 2011

The Honorable Dave Camp U. S. House of Representatives 341 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Camp:

Thank you for your letter supporting a petition filed by the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). The petition requests that the Commission waive the five year invoicing deadline for Rural Health Care Pilot Program participants. Your views are very important and I will ensure that a copy of your letter is entered into the record of the proceeding.

The MPHI petition is under review and the Commission is working to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible. I assure you that the Commission will give full consideration to your letter and all of the comments received on the petition before taking action.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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Julius Genachowski